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First Seven Reorganization Plans Sent to Congress by President; New Welfare Department Urged

Civil Service Chief Would Be Given Added Powers

By Joseph A. Fox

President Truman today submitted seven reorganization plans to Congress shortly after signing legislation designed to permit modernization of the executive branch of the Government. All of the plans are in line with recommendations of the Hoover Commission.

Among other things Mr. Truman called on Congress to create a Department of Welfare with cabinet status from the framework of the Federal Security Agency and to strengthen the Labor Department by bringing under its jurisdiction the employment security functions now carried on by FSA.

In addition to the Federal Security Agency and Labor Department, the President proposed:

1. Strengthening the powers of the head of the Civil Service Commission, the Postmaster General and the chairman of the Maritime Commission.
2. Transferring the Public Roads Administration from the Federal Works Agency to the Commerce Department.
3. Formalizing the inclusion of the National Security Council and the National Security Resources Board in the executive office of the President.

Effective in 60 Days.
Under the law, the plans will be effective if they lie before Congress for 60 calendar days—until August 19, without a veto by a constitutional majority of either the House or Senate. It would require 218 adverse votes in the House or 49 in the Senate to block any of the plans.

President Truman did not attempt to put a dollar and cents evaluation on the changes proposed, explaining that the Hoover Commission itself "did not state the amount of savings which could be anticipated nor is it possible for me to indicate their dollar effect."

The President pointed out, however, the improvement in management "will lead to more efficient performance of services by the Government and lower costs." In this connection he emphasized that "I intend to see that full advantage is taken of the opportunity for securing better operations which the reorganization plans afford."

"Significant Beginning."
The Hoover Commission, which submitted recommendations covering the entire Executive Department, estimated at one time that the application of all would save about \$3,000,000,000. The President pointed out that "only the curtailment or abolition of Government programs can be expected to result in substantial immediate savings."

In an over-all message covering the seven plans, the President told Congress that these "represent a very significant beginning in improving Government operation."

He said that other plans would follow and he once more put in a (Continued on Page A-6, Col. 3.)

Gordon Gray Sworn In As Army Secretary

By the Associated Press

Gordon Gray, an infantry private seven years ago, took over today as the Army's top man.

The modest, 40-year-old North Carolinian from Winston-Salem was sworn in as Secretary of the Army. The oath was administered by Defense Secretary Johnson.

The ceremony was held in Mr. Johnson's office and attended by members of the Cabinet, the Supreme Court, Congress and high-ranking military officers, including Gen. Eisenhower. A large delegation from North Carolina came up for the occasion.

One especially interested spectator was Gen. Bradley, Army chief of staff, in whose 12th Army Group Mr. Gray, then a lieutenant, served overseas.

Attending the ceremony were Mr. Gray's wife, his mother and stepfather, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Bernard; his aunt, Miss Alice Gray; two of the Gray's four sons, Boyden, 6, and Burton, 8; C. A. Bethel, a close personal friend, and W. K. Hoyt, all of Winston-Salem.

Mr. Hoyt has taken over as general manager of the Piedmont Publishing Co., which Mr. Gray heads. The company publishes the Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel and Twin City Sentinel and operates radio station WSJS.

Gordon, Jr., the new secretary's oldest son, was unable to be present because of illness. The youngest, Bernard, two, remained at home.

Also attending the ceremony was Kenneth C. Royall, whom Mr. Gray succeeds.

Judith Coplon Says FBI Has List For Arrest if U. S. Fights Soviet

Says She Feels Mention of Report by Boss Might Have Been More Bait to Entrap Her

By James J. Cullinane

The testimony of Judith Coplon ranged in District Court today from a statement that the FBI has prepared a list of persons who will be taken into custody in event of a war with Russia to intimate recollections of a kissless romance with Valentine A. Gubitchev, her alleged Russian confederate.

The courtroom was packed and crowded jammed the corridor outside as the suspended Justice Department analyst resumed the witness stand in her espionage trial.

Miss Coplon said she first heard of the list of persons scheduled for arrest in event of a Russo-American war shortly after January 1 when William E. Foley, chief of the internal security division of the Justice Department, criticized Alex M. Campbell, chief of the criminal division, for "being rather casual about sending FBI reports back and forth in the department."

The witness volunteered this information after Defense Attorney Archibald Palmer asked if she knew of any other "decoy" documents prepared by the FBI to "entrap you." Testimony has brought out that several "decoy" documents were handed to Miss Coplon at the department.

In the light of the testimony I have heard here," Miss Coplon replied, "I believe that conversation I had with Mr. Foley about Mr. Campbell was another occasion. Mr. Foley mentioned that the FBI had prepared a list of persons who would be taken into custody in event of a war with Russia. Mr. Foley said Mr. Campbell had sent that bare list—not even in an envelope—to Mr. Foley's office."

"I think the mention of that list might have been some kind of bait."

Miss Coplon struck another blow at lax security measures in the department when she testified "it was common knowledge" that two analysts who left in 1946 had taken with them data slips dealing with activities of organizations and individuals who were sympathetic to Russia.

Will Conclude Story Today
Mr. Palmer has said he intended to finish his examination of Miss Coplon today and the prosecution (See COPLON, Page A-6.)

Miners Troop Back To Pits, With Little Absenteeism Reported

Two Operations Remain Closed, Throwing 750 Men Out of Work

By the Associated Press

PITTSBURGH, June 20.—The Nation's 480,000 hard and soft coal miners trooped back into the pits today at the end of a one-week shutdown ordered by John L. Lewis to "stabilize the industry."

Absenteeism was reported at a minimum as the first diggers entered the mines for midnight and at 7 a.m. shifts.

The miners will be working only five days before they start a contractual vacation for 10 days June 25. Each receives \$100 for those 10 days.

At least two coal mining operations announced they would not reopen. The Castle Shannon Coal Corp. at nearby Castle Shannon would not operate because it is about worked out anyway, company officials said. About 550 miners there will have to seek employment elsewhere.

Alden Company Suspends.
John C. Haddock, president of the Alden Coal Co. at Nanticoke, Pa., announced in a letter to UMW workers that the company was suspending operations indefinitely. There are 200 employed at Alden.

Mr. Haddock listed as his reason for suspension last week's "stabilization holiday," a low mine car average per man and absenteeism among workers.

The one week of idleness reduced the Nation's coal stored above ground from an estimated 70,000,000 tons to about 60,000,000. That's about 40 days' supply for the country's coal-burning industries.

About the only persons, outside of the miners themselves, who suffered from the walkouts were employees of coal-hauling railroads. Last week about 30,000 railroaders were furloughed. However, the railroads said some would have been furloughed anyway because of a business slump.

Three Meetings Stalled.
As Mr. Lewis and his strategists prepared to meet with three separate groups of operators this week, the operator's hadn't yet been told just what Mr. Lewis wants in his new contract. Miners now are paid an average \$14.05 daily.

Mr. Lewis is scheduled to resume (See COAL, Page A-3.)

Father Dies With Twins, 3, In Fire Rescue Attempt

By the Associated Press

FOLLANSBEE, W. Va., June 20.—A father climbed into the burning attic of his home early today to rescue his three-year-old twin daughters and died with them.

Norman Long, 38, was found near an attic window with one of the twins in his arms.

Defective wiring apparently started the fire in the attic, where the little girls slept. A motorist saw the blaze and spread the alarm through Hooverton Heights, a small village near here.

Smoke apparently awoke Mrs. Long about the same time. Her husband ran up to the attic. Mrs. Long escaped with facial burns.

Hiss Witnesses Cite Flaws in Chambers Story

Discrepancies Cited By Three as Defense Opens Its Attack

BULLETIN

NEW YORK (Special).—Two more witnesses whose testimony conflicted sharply with that of Mr. and Mrs. Whittaker Chambers were presented by the defense today at the Alger Hiss perjury trial. Joseph R. Boucett testified that he had never seen Mrs. Hiss at a Delaware River cottage in 1935. Mrs. Chambers testified that Geoffrey May, Washington neighbor of the Hisses in 1936-37, said a stone porch on the Hiss residence was built considerably later than 1937. Mrs. Chambers, in testimony, described the porch as part of the house in 1937.

By Newbold Noyes, Jr., and Robert K. Walsh
Star Staff Correspondents

NEW YORK, June 20.—In August, 1937, when Whittaker Chambers says Alger Hiss was with him at Peterboro, N. H., the former State Department official actually was taking care of his sick stepson and his wife's niece at Chestertown, Md., a defense witness testified at Mr. Hiss perjury trial today.

The witness, Jay Kellogg-Smith, Hiss' stepson, Timothy Hobson, said Mrs. Hiss' niece, Ruth Fanser, attended a children's camp operated by him that summer. The 10-year-old boy, he said, had broken his leg and the young girl developed pneumonia.

Mr. Kellogg-Smith said Mr. and Mrs. Hiss took an apartment in Chestertown for the months of July and August, and Mr. Hiss was at the camp helping care for the children every day during his vacation. As the witness remembered it that vacation ended on July 15 to August 15.

Mr. Chambers, ex-Communist spy-courier, who has been the Government's chief witness in the perjury trial, has testified that he drove with Mr. and Mrs. Hiss to Peterboro about August 10, 1937, when they visited the home of the late Harry Dexter White, former Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, and saw a summer stock pool. "She Stoops to Conquer."

This allegation bears on the second count of the indictment against Mr. Hiss, in which he is accused of lying to a Federal grand jury last December when he said he never saw Mr. Chambers between 1936 and 1948. The first count alleges that he lied in denying he ever saw secret State Department documents to Mr. Chambers.

Mr. Kellogg-Smith, a spare, tight-lipped man of something more than middle age, was given rough treatment, under cross-examination by Assistant United States Attorney Thomas F. Murphy, as to the extent and exactness of his memory of that summer, 12 years ago.

The witness was positive in stating that Mr. Hiss did not leave Chestertown even for "as little as two or three days" during the vacation.

Earlier, the proprietor of an inn at Peterboro where the Hiss-Chambers party is supposed to have stayed, during the August, 1937, visit, told the jury that her guest book does not contain their names.

"I had the guests sign—all that came—and these names are not in the book," said Mrs. Lucy E. Davis, now of Hancock, N. H. (See HISS, Page A-6.)

Birth Control Advice Proposed Under British Health Program

By the Associated Press

LONDON, June 20.—A Royal Commission urged the British government tonight to give free advice on birth control, under the National Health Service.

The commission supported: Planned families. Higher state money allowances for children. Income tax relief for parents in the higher brackets as well as lower ones.

The commission said there is little danger of moving into "a world without children" unless the average family size falls much farther in Britain.

The commission—known as the Royal Commission on Population—was set up by the Government more than five years ago.

Its 100,000-word report was completed after one of the greatest inquiries ever made into Britain's population.



Potomac Passes Flood Crest; 9 Dead, 12 Missing Upstream

River 2 Feet Above Flood Stage Near Here, But Further Rise Seems to Be Unlikely

(Pictures on Page B-1.)

Washington passed its flood threat safely today while in the water-ravaged headlands of the Potomac and Shenandoah Valleys Red Cross disaster units counted nine dead, or presumed dead, and a dozen or more persons still missing.

The Weather Bureau's River Services Section reported flood crests passing through the Potomac this morning lifted the river to 12.2 feet at the Leiter Gauge, 5 miles above Key Bridge. This is about 2 feet over the flood stage.

But the rise there had slowed to 2 or 3 tenths of a foot an hour and, with levels falling up the river and in tributaries to the Virginia and West Virginia flood areas, the danger here appeared over.

An overflow at the Leiter gauge is not uncommon, and causes no damage. The high tide at about 4:20 p.m. today will be about three feet higher than usual. But Bennett Swenson, chief of the River Services Section, looked for nothing more serious than an overspill at the Hains Point sea-overs.

During high tide at 4:09 a.m. today, the Wisconsin avenue gauge in Georgetown read 4.99 feet, still two feet under flood stage.

At Seneca, Md., approximately 25 miles upstream from Washington, the Potomac had spread out half a mile beyond its normal (See FLOODS, Page A-2.)

Hearing Denied Data Already Published, Hickenlooper Says

Senator Charges Bulletin Had Security File Digest; Hits Hanford School Cost

By J. A. O'Leary

Senator Hickenlooper, Republican, of Iowa, said today that a scientific bulletin issued last September contained a digest of Atomic Energy Commission security files similar to those he has been denied an opportunity to present in open hearings in the current investigation.

Another charge made by the Iowa Senator before the Joint Atomic Energy Committee, was that the commission spent \$3,980,000 to build a high school originally estimated to cost only \$1,786,000 for the children of workers at the Hanford Atomic Plant in the State of Washington.

Senator Hickenlooper said he was not complaining because the September bulletin of atomic scientists had printed outlines of the security files of a number of commission employees, identifying them only as cases A, B and C. He said he merely wanted to point out that he had no great objection to that publication, as occurred recently when he wanted to make similar references to individual cases without names.

The Joint Committee has decided to review the individual cases in closed session later to decide whether the loyalty program (See ATOMIC, Page A-6.)

Senate Group Favors Adding 6 Judges Here

By the Associated Press

The Senate Judiciary Committee today approved a bill to give three more judges to the Court of Appeals here and three more to District Court.

The six judgeships are among 26 new posts in an omnibus bill for the whole country approved by the committee and sent to the Senate.

The committee approved a Senate bill instead of a House-passed omnibus judgeship bill which carried only 24 new judgeships.

That bill had provided for three appellate court judges and only two District Court judges here.

The Senate bill requires that the new judges here must be members of the District bar and must have practiced law for at least five consecutive years immediately preceding their appointment. Also it provides these new judges shall not have been regularly employed in the executive branch of the Government for at least three years immediately preceding their appointment.

The Court of Appeals now has six judges and District Court 12.

Czechs Who Joined Catholic Action Group Are Excommunicated

Red-Backed Organization Called Schismatic and Fraudulently Labeled

By the Associated Press

VATICAN CITY, June 20.—The Roman Catholic Church today excommunicated members of the government-sponsored Catholic Action Society of Communist-dominated Czechoslovakia.

The Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office issued a decree which condemned the group as a schismatic one fraudulently labeled.

The decree, published in Osservatore Romano, the Vatican newspaper, declared:

"Recently the opponents of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia founded a so-called Catholic action by which they tried to induce the Catholics of that republic to desert the Catholic Church and to deny obedience to the legitimate pastors of the church."

Archbishop Josef Beran, head of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia, has denounced the Communist-led group. Yesterday at mass in the cathedral of St. Vitus in Prague, he was shouted down by hecklers when he began a sermon continuing his denunciation of government, acts against the church, Church-state tension is high in Czechoslovakia, reminiscent of the conditions which existed in Hungary before the jailing of Josef Cardinal Mindszenty on charges of treason. Hungarians connected with that were excommunicated by the Roman Catholic Church.

G. W. Losing Students Due to Lack of Parking Space, Grant Says

District Asked to Permit Construction of 500-Car Garage Near Hospital

The parking situation around George Washington University is "rapidly becoming intolerable" and the university is losing students and instructors because of it, Maj. Gen. U. S. Grant III, vice president of the school, declared today.

Gen. Grant appeared before a District Zoning Commission hearing to plead for a change in the present zoning regulations which would allow the university to construct a 500-capacity parking garage near George Washington University Hospital. The garage later would be expanded to accommodate 1,000 cars, he said.

The hearing was held by the Zoning Commission to consider a number of amendments to the present regulations which would create more off-street parking space in the District.

300 Spaces for 5,000 Cars.

The amendment which Gen. Grant favored would allow parking garages to be erected in residential areas in the city—now forbidden. The amendment would prohibit the sale of gasoline, oil and other services usually connected with parking garages.

Gen. Grant stated there are only about 300 parking spaces in the university area to handle an estimated load of 5,000 automobiles. He said it was of "major importance" to the university to erect a garage.

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Details Awaited On Agreement By Big Four

Communique Today To Tell Plans for Peace in Berlin

By the Associated Press

PARIS, June 20.—The Big Four Foreign Ministers are expected to announce today an agreement to bring peace to strife-torn Berlin—Europe's No. 1 trouble spot.

Authoritative sources said agreement was reached yesterday on a "live and let live" pact on the former German capital and also on instructions to the ministers' deputies to write an independence treaty for Austria.

The agreement on Berlin and on resumption of East-West trade in Germany is expected to ease international tension. It is understood that in return for the West's reopening of trade with the East, Russia will issue a statement guaranteeing the West free access to Berlin, preventing another blockade of the city.

Agreement on Communique.
Big Four experts reached speedy agreement on a communique to be released later today announcing terms of the accord between the East and West.

An American spokesman said the agreement is complete "except for a couple of drafting points on Germany and Austria." He added "there is no disagreement on the principle" of the communique.

The ministers will hold a secret afternoon meeting and then issue the communique at a later open session.

Secretary of State Acheson plans to leave by air for Washington tonight.

Informed sources said the agreement was a statement of principles which would not solve the basic problems between Russia and the Western powers, but which might ease international tension and relieve fears of a clash which might lead to war.

Will Tell of Failures.
The unspoken theme of the four-week conference of the foreign ministers of Russia, Britain, France and the United States has been: "Let's keep the cold war cold—at least."

The communique is expected to tell of the failures, as well as the successes of the conference.

These failures include the inability to get together over:

- German economic unity; restoration of four-power control, either in Berlin or all Germany; reunification of divided Berlin; steps to be taken to prepare a German peace treaty.

On the other side of the slate, the communique is expected to announce that the three Western high commissioners and the Soviet zone commander and their staffs will consult and consider common problems as they arise.

Provision for Trade.
It probably also will provide for stepping up trade between the two parts of Germany beyond the pre-blockade levels. Parallel with that, there is expected to be a concerted drive to ease traffic restrictions between the East and West.

This could, in turn, lead to an increased flow of goods between Eastern and Western Europe. Both sides have said they would like to see that happen, to aid their recovery programs.

The Austrian treaty will be handed to the Ministers' deputies, informants said, with a specific time limit for completion of the pact. The Foreign Ministers will sign it, presumably, when they meet again in New York next fall.

Late News Bulletins
Appeals Court Overruled On Rights of D. C. Citizens
The Supreme Court, by a 5-4 decision, today upheld the right of District citizens to sue and be sued in Federal courts outside of Washington. The decision reversed a Court of Appeals ruling last year which held unconstitutional a congressional act of 1946.

Deficiency Bill Passed
The Senate today approved with one minor amendment and sent back to the House the second deficiency appropriation bill carrying more than \$800,000,000 for emergency funds for many Federal agencies and money for either repairing or rebuilding the White House. (Earlier Story on Page B-1.)

Schroeder Beats Mulloy
LONDON (AP).—Ted Schroeder of La Crescenta, Calif., dropped the first two sets and then rallied to defeat Gardner Mulloy of Miami, Fla., 3-6, 8-11, 6-4, 6-2, 7-5, in the first round of the Wimbledon tennis championships today. (Earlier Story on Page A-12.)